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Karlsson sent down by Senators

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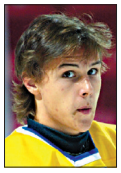
Erik Karlsson, the Ottawa Senators' first-round pick in the 2008 entry draft, is heading down to Bingo.

The club announced yesterday that the 19-year-old Swedish defenceman would be going to the AHL affiliate in Binghamton.



Erik Karlsson

Karlsson spent last season with the Frolunda HC Indians of the Swedish Elite League, recording five goals, five assists and 10 penalty minutes in 45 games, adding a goal and two assists in 11 playoff games.

Karlsson won a silver medal with the Swedish junior team at last year's World Junior Hockey Championship in Ottawa. He was selected the tournament's best defenceman and named to the all-star team.

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Moises Bichachi holds up a sign against the swine flu shot in Miami Beach, Fla., on Monday. Dr. David Butler-Jones, the head of the federal public health agency, says he is frustrated by false claims about negative side-effects from the H1N1 vaccine.

Fighting 'mythology'

Health official tries to debunk vaccination theories

He says it is like believing that umbrellas cause downpours and blaming ice cream for sunburns.

"I guess what frustrates me is the amount of mythology out there," Dr. David Butler-Jones, the head of the federal public health agency, told reporters this week when asked what bothers him about the theories and fears about the swine-flu vaccine circulating online and in school parking lots.

"The anti-vaccine movement, really, its efforts are to create doubt so they keep throwing things out. 'Oh, it causes brain damage.' Well, you prove that it doesn't cause brain damage. 'Oh, it causes cancer.' Well, you prove it doesn't cause cancer. 'Oh, it causes your car radio to die,'" Butler-Jones said.

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The so-called anti-vaccine movement — or a loose collection of concerned parents and PhDs on the lecture circuit trying to educate the public about the dangers of immunization — has been around for decades but has gained strength with the rise of social networking and citizen journalism.

They swap lists of vaccine ingredients. They analyze medical research. When they are celebrity couple Jenny McCarthy (whose son was diagnosed with autism) and Jim Carrey and their non-profit organization Generation Rescue, they link vaccines to autism.

The Vaccination Risk Awareness Network is not trying to tell people what to do, said its co-ordinator Edda West.

"We absolutely never go there. We don't have the right to take upon ourselves responsibility for what other people do with their health," West said yesterday. "Our role is to put out information that we can from all sorts of sources."

But public health officials worry the ideas of the anti-vaccine movement are playing a role in pushing people already hesitant to get the H1N1 pandemic vaccine into the "no, thanks" camp.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Waits at flu clinics should get shorter: Levy

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About 4,200 people got their H1N1 vaccines on the first day of the clinics Monday — just over a third of the 12,000 the city was aiming for — but Ottawa's medical officer of health is confident that things will run more smoothly as clinics ramp up.

"We knew we wouldn't be at 12,000 at Day 1," said Dr. Isra Levy yesterday. "What we learned (on Monday) is things do tend to go more slowly than we thought. When (people are) at the immunization station and in front of the nurse, they do have questions.

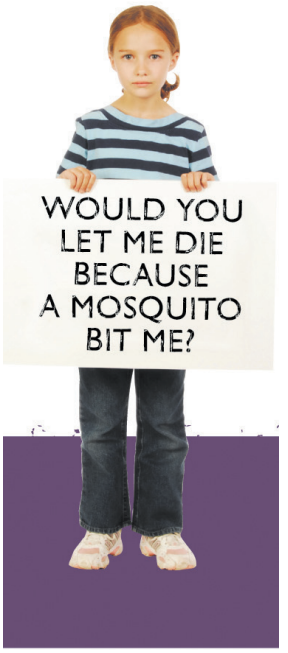
"Last night, we looked at numbers and readjusted our estimates and thought that if we were at maximum capacity, unless we add additional capacity, we will probably be able to do about double what we did yesterday on a daily basis."

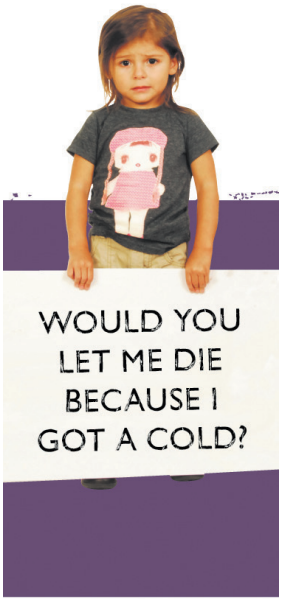
An estimated 5,300 people were vaccinated at clinics here yesterday.

Despite hours-long waits, Levy said he was "grateful that the vast majority of people we've interacted with were very patient."

The city has already requested additional vaccines from the province.

Once the initial surge of demand has been worked through, Levy said he hopes the experience "shouldn't take people more than an hour."





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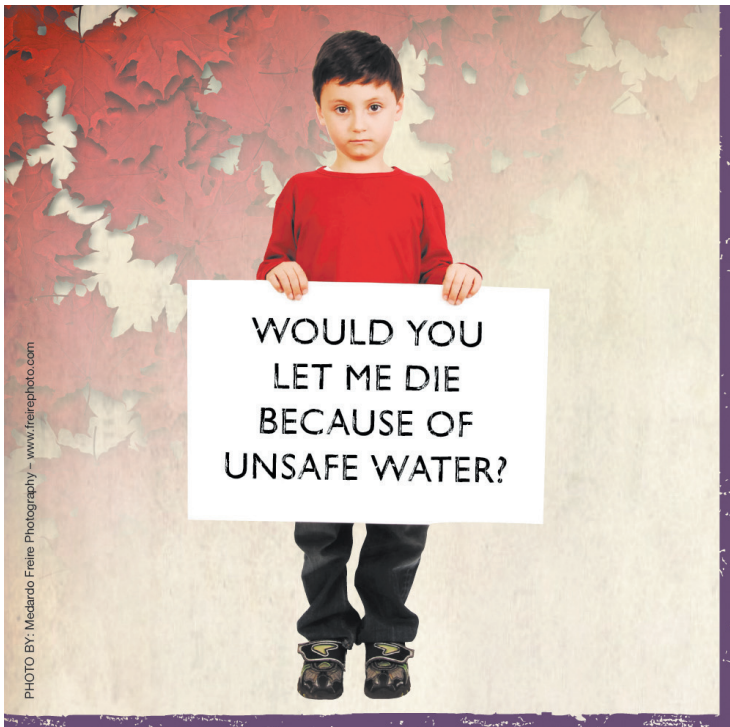

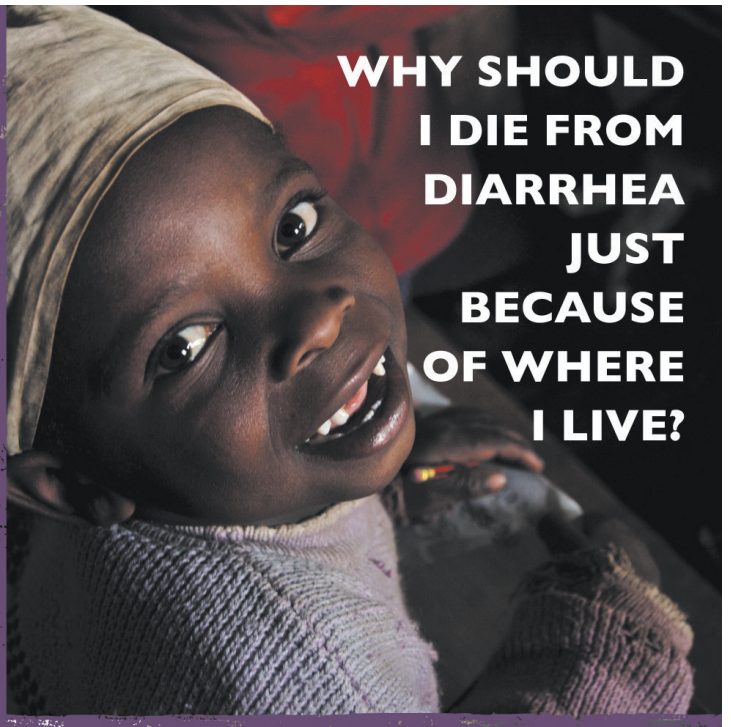

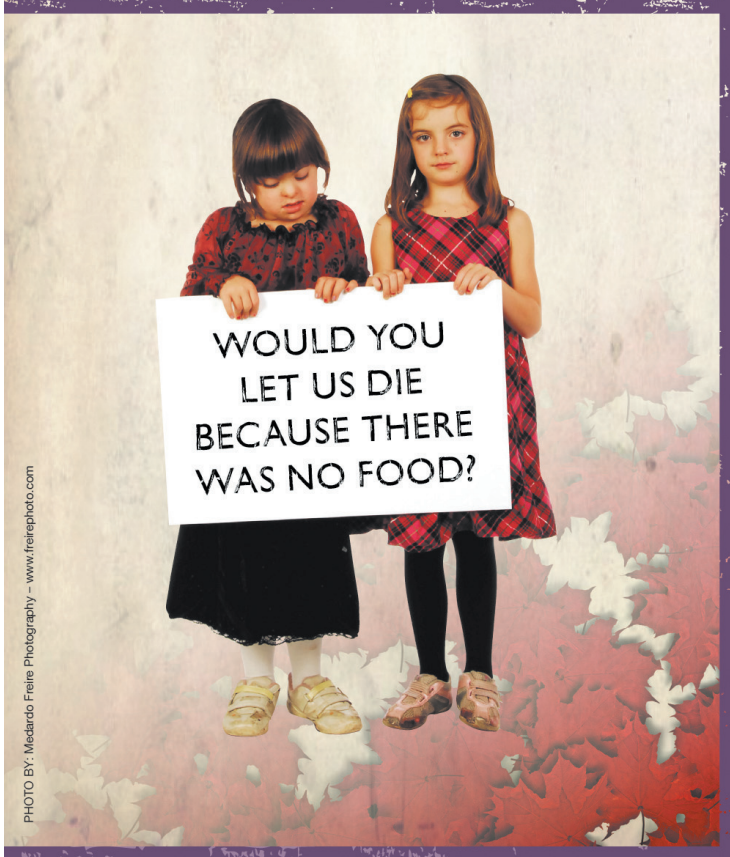

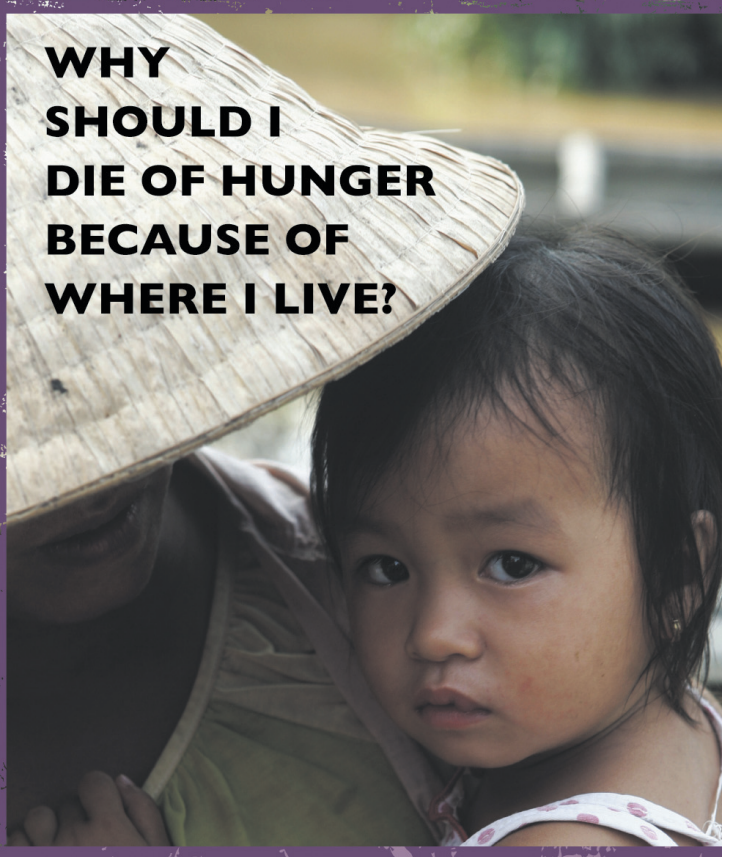

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H1N1 puts pressure on CHEO

Kids' hospital expands emergency area, restricts visitations

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So many children are coming to CHEO with flu-like symptoms that the hospital has expanded its emergency department, redeployed staff, implemented restrictions on visitors and generally stopped testing for the H1N1 virus.

"We're at the point now where if a child comes to the hospital with influenza-like symptoms, we can say that they have H1N1," said Dr. Lindy Samson, head of infectious diseases and pandemic planning at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. "There is not a strain of seasonal influenza circulating in Ottawa at this time. If it looks like influenza, it is H1N1."

On Monday, CHEO's emergency room was packed with 320 patients — double the seasonal average. Two-thirds of those patients reported flu-like symptoms.

As of yesterday morning, 16 children were hospitalized with flu symptoms, nine with confirmed H1N1 cases. The others were awaiting test results.

Over the previous week, emergency room activity at the children's hospital was 49 per cent higher compared to this time last year.

Samson said a fair number of those cases could have stayed at home or been treated by a family physician.

It is only if people have difficulty breathing, become very lethargic and sleepy, or become dehydrated from severe vomiting and diarrhea, that they should seek medical attention.

To deal with the increased traffic at CHEO, a second emergency area has been set up for children with fever, cough and flu symptoms.

Some clinical areas of the hospital will be scaled back to essential services as of tomorrow in order to provide extra emergency area.

Only non-essential treatment will be deferred until the level of H1N1 activity subsides.

In order to limit the spread of H1N1 within the hospital, only parents and guardians are allowed to visit patients.

Thomas Hayes, director for occupational health and emergency preparedness at the Ottawa Hospital said patients older than 16 should consider going to one of the other hospitals if they develop flu symptoms.

"That will really help us ease the pressure on CHEO," he said.

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Dr. Lindy Samson, head of CHEO's infectious diseases and pandemic planning, talks yesterday about the hospital's next steps in the pandemic reaction plan.

Flu **Outbreak**

Woman, man suffer serious injuries in west-end collision

Two people were seriously injured in a collision in the city's west end yesterday morning.

Emergency workers attended a collision involving a dump truck and a car near Hazeldean and Jinkinson roads just west of Stittsville at 11:35 a.m. yesterday.

The passenger side of the car took the brunt of the collision, said Ottawa paramedic spokesman J.P Trottier.

Paramedics treated a 46-year-old female passenger for serious head injuries and internal injuries.

She was unconscious at the scene and did not regain consciousness upon arrival at hospital, said Trottier. She is in stable condition.

A 23-year-old man who is believed to be the driver of the car was treated for injuries to his rib cage and back. He was transported to hospital where he is in serious but stable condition.

Paramedics had a busy morning yesterday. Half an hour earlier, they attended a collision at Eagleson Road and Michael Cowpland Drive.

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UNICEF campaigns for schools in Africa

FUNDRAISER The Halloween tradition of going door-to-door with little orange collection boxes — one that's synonymous with UNICEF — is no longer, but that won't stop local kids from collecting money for a good cause this season.

For the past four years, the campaign has focused on kids collecting pledges from family, friends and neighbours, as well as an online component that allows people to sponsor them electronically.

In its 54th year, the Trick or Treat for UNICEF campaign is expected to reach the $100-million mark in Canada, said Cathy Memah with UNICEF in Ontario.

In Ottawa, thousands of participants brought in $85,000 last year, Memah said.

The campaign supports Schools for Africa, which funds education development in Malawi and Rwanda with projects ranging "from building school structures to providing learning materials to working with the ministry of education to develop curriculum to building new bathrooms," said Memah. "That's one of the barriers for girls going to school."

UNICEF volunteers will also be collecting funds in the ByWard Market this weekend from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on National UNICEF Day on Saturday.

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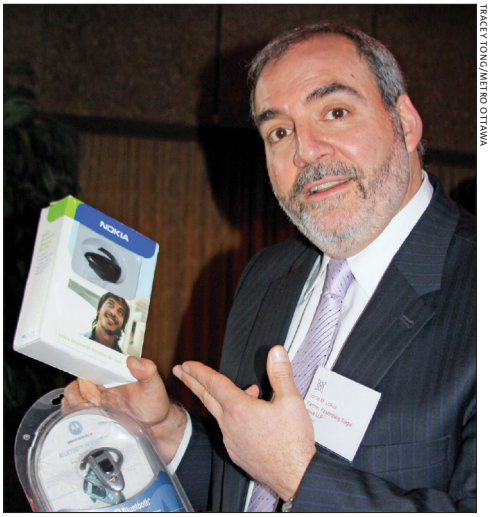

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With Ontario enacting its handheld devices ban while driving this week, lawyer Lorne Lipkus expects to see counterfeit hands-free driving devices hitting the market.

Learning how to spot a fake

Cops taken on Reality Tour

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When Quebec enacted its ban on handheld devices while driving, counterfeit hands-free devices popped up in the market, a Toronto lawyer specializing in counterfeit cases said yesterday.

With the handheld devices ban effective in Ontario this week, Lorne Lipkus expects to see more of these counterfeit devices hitting the market.

The Canadian Anti-Counterfeiting Network held its Reality Tour 2.0 in Ottawa yesterday to teach law enforcement officers and border services officers about best practices in investigating and prosecuting cases related to counterfeiting.

Products are found in Ottawa intermittently, said Toronto lawyer Brian Isaac, who is one of the event's organizers, "but it's a big problem everywhere across Canada."

While historically, counterfeit goods were only found in flea markets, the problem has changed in the last decade or so with a lot of the product being imported, Isaac said. "And because of the globalization of trade and supply lines, product has found its way into many different stores, legitimate stores in legitimate malls. It's a problem that's reared its ugly head everywhere in Canada."

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While recent studies have shown that there is a problem with counterfeit cigarettes in Ottawa-area high schools, counterfeit touches everything — from auto parts to zippers and "some things you wouldn't expect, like circuit breaker boxes," Isaac said. Electrical items, lamps, pharmaceuticals, personal care products, toothpaste, clothing, watches and even brake pads and airplane parts are also counterfeited.

While the economic impact is huge — "it's a multibillion-dollar annual drain on the economy in Canada," said Isaac — counterfeiting creates safety issues as well. "They'll spend a lot of time to make it look really good and no time trying to make it work really good," Isaac said.

Ottawa residents can do their part by being more conscious about their consumer choices.

"It's common sense," said Isaac. "If it's cheaper than another product … if the price is too good to be true, it's probably a knock-off," he said.

"I never get the flu."
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Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health

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Royal visit less than exciting: Poll

Just days of ahead of a visit to Canada by Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, Canadians appear less than excited about the first-in-line to the crown, CBC News Online reports. According to a recent poll prepared by a Toronto-based polling, consulting and communications firm, Charles has an image problem. More than 47 per cent of those polled disagreed that the prince has a vision for the future. Asked if they felt Charles was ahead of his time, only a quarter of respondents agreed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dead user policy expected soon

FACEBOOK A spokeswoman for Canada's privacy commissioner says Facebook is expected to announce a new policy on how it handles profiles of deceased users in the next week.

In recent days, the social networking site has been reminding members about a service that "memorializes" profiles of deceased users at the request of friends and family members. But the site has yet to adopt recommendations.

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News in brief

DIPLOMACY Prime Minister Stephen Harper is denying his government is singling out a Canadian diplomat, who's warned of possible torture in Afghan jails, by refusing to pay his legal bills. Harper says civil servants are covered under federal Treasury Board rules and Richard Colvin will be treated no differently.

H1N1 The swine-flu death of an otherwise healthy hockey-playing teen came without warning and should serve as a lesson to parents to keep a close eye on their ill children, the boy's grief-stricken father said Tuesday. Paul Frustaglio said it took barely more than a day for the H1N1 flu virus to kill Evan — his "best friend" — who turned 13 last month, a fatality that public health officials called rare.

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G8 funds land far from site

Cash for Huntsville summit also going to towns in minister's riding

A $50-million federal fund set up to build infrastructure for next June's G8 summit is being spent partly on projects that are far from the summit site and with tenuous links to the high-powered meeting.

Industry Minister Tony Clement announced the low-profile fund last February, explaining that the fund was being "provided for G8 Summit-related infrastructure, including a G8 Centre in Huntsville."

Huntsville, Ont., will host the meeting. The town of 18,000 is in Clement's riding, about 215 kilometres north of Toronto.

Huntsville has received the largest share of the money, mainly $16.7 million for a new G8 Centre, $9 million for a summit management office and $2.4 million for road improvements.

But a partial list of the fund's projects, and a series of news releases, shows that many of the towns in Clement's riding are receiving money from the fund to build band shells, plant gardens and put up signs and lights.

One news release announced $1.1 million to upgrade a street and replace trees in Parry Sound, Ont., some 80 kilometres away from the summit site.

The area just south of Parry Sound is receiving $745,000 for signs, fencing and landscaping in the towns of Rosseau, Humphrey and Orrville.

The towns of Port Severn and South River, many kilometres from the summit, are each getting $65,000 for signs and landscaping, too.

"How is this justified? In what way is this going to improve the G8?" asked Liberal MP Gerard Kennedy.

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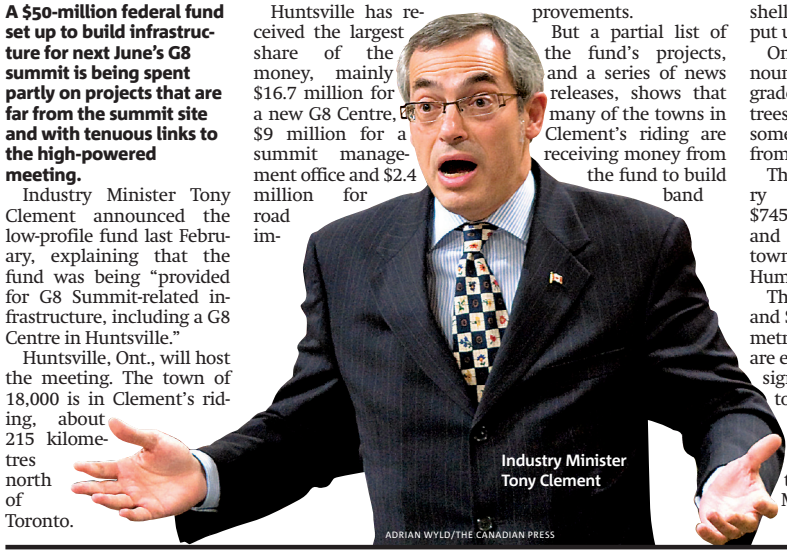

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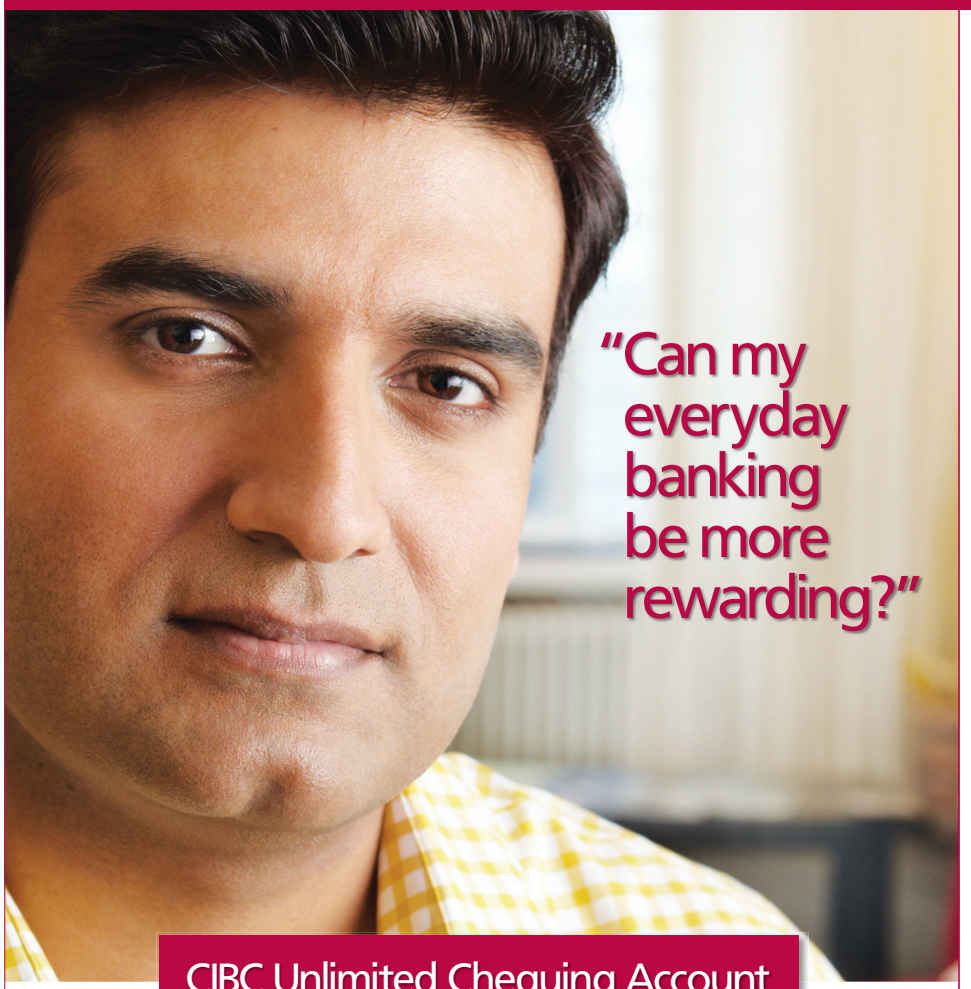

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Come on out trick-or-treaters — despite the flu scare

A health expert says there's absolutely no reason to keep healthy kids from trick-or-treating or holiday parties — despite H1N1. But Dr. Anne Matlow, of Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, says kids should avoid eating anything that isn't pre-wrapped and should wash their hands before digging in. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

SEAL HUNT Nova Scotia's environment minister would be given more power to approve a commercial grey seal hunt in a protected area of the province under amendments proposed yesterday. But the move triggered an immediate outcry from opponents of the hunt. Bridget Curran of an anti-sealing coalition accused Sterling Belliveau — who is also fisheries minister — of pandering to fishing industry interests. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spy Siegfried blitzed Canada

In the twilight of the Cold War, East German spies scooped up Canadian secrets on ... imitation leather and welding rods.

But they also went after cutting edge military technology.

New research shows the Stasi, the massive intelligence arm of the now-defunct German Democratic Republic, also obtained confidences of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, including the names of employees.

One shadowy agent codenamed Siegfried diligently collected dozens of pieces of documentation such as residence and work permits — information spies could later use to slip into Canada.

The revelations of the Stasi's wide-ranging information scooping were unearthed by Helmut Muller-Enbergs of the German federal commission for the Stasi archives in Berlin.

His findings will be presented in Ottawa on Saturday at the annual conference of the Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies.

The Hauptverwaltung A, the Stasi foreign intelligence service, had "undoubtedly deep insights into the domestic and foreign affairs of Canada," Muller-Enbergs says.

For eight years beginning in 1981, Siegfried passed more than five dozen pieces of intelligence to headquarters.

The reports included information on passports, residence permits, car registration, unemployment insurance and income taxes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Military suicides rise in 2008

MILITARY More Canadian soldiers killed themselves in 2008 than the year before. But the military says the overall suicide rate has remained steady throughout the war in Afghanistan. Fifteen active-duty members took their own lives last year versus 11 confirmed suicides in 2007, according to newly released Defence Department statistics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Woman sustains 'very, very serious' injuries after coyote attack
A 19-year-old woman was attacked by two coyotes yesterday in Cape Breton Highlands National Park in northern Nova Scotia, CBC News Online reports. Police said the woman was airlifted to hospital with "very, very serious" injuries. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Jim will fix it — for some pensioners

Jim Flaherty

Retirees rejoice. Ottawa is protecting your pensions — a little.

The federal government says it will change the way federally-regulated company pension plans are run to provide greater protection for retirees.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty yesterday unveiled changes he said will help put private-sector plans on a more sound footing.

> **"I wouldn't expect it to have a large impact."**
> Malcolm Hamilton

The changes will extend guarantees that pensioners won't get short shrift in bad economic times.

But the reforms don't cover the vast majority of pension plans under provincial jurisdiction — such as the plan at Nortel Networks, where workers fear the technology company's dismantling will leave them out in the cold.

"It does absolutely nothing for the Nortel pensioners," said Don Sproule, head of the advocacy group representing the company's pensioners.

Malcolm Hamilton, with Mercer Human Resource Consulting, said the changes will do little to fix short-term problems.

"I wouldn't expect it to have a large impact and it would certainly have no immediate impact," Hamilton said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario to add full-day kindergarten

EDUCATION Ontario will move ahead with a massive and costly program to offer full-day kindergarten for all four- and five-year-olds despite an unprecedented $25-billion deficit this year, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

Even though Ontario is expecting to hemorrhage red ink for years with no end in sight, it's "essential" the province invest in the $1.5-billion-a-year program to build a stronger workforce down the road, he said.

"Parents everywhere are the same," McGuinty said.

"All we want is for our children to grow up and be the very best that they might be, to achieve their greatest potential."

Moving forward with all-day kindergarten — billed as a North American first — may require cuts in other spending areas, McGuinty warned.

"You're waiting for the other shoe to drop? Is that what you're waiting for?" he asked reporters after touring a Toronto kindergarten class.

"It will. It will in due course. That's not the announcement I'm making here today though."

His government "can't have everything," but it will continue to support education and health care, he added.

McGuinty's staff couldn't provide a breakdown of how much will be spent on all-day kindergarten over the next five years, but the government has set aside $500 million over two years to start it up.

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News in brief

LADY LUCK Seguro Ndabene of Airdrie, near Calgary, has won the lottery four times in the past five years — including two wins of $1 million. But his biggest win of all — $17 million in a Super 7 draw back in January — is being disputed. A man alleges it was part of a group purchase.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

China executes two for Tibetan violence

Two people were put to death for their roles in deadly protests last year in the Chinese-controlled region of Tibet, the first known executions for the violence, an overseas monitoring group said yesterday. China confirmed the executions but gave no details. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Tiger experts say species dying out

The world's tiger population is declining fast despite efforts to save them, and new strategies are urgently needed to keep the species from dying out, international wildlife experts said yesterday. An estimated 3,500 to 4,000 tigers now roam the planet, down from the more than 100,000 estimated at the beginning of the 20th century. All the remaining tigers are in Asia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama looks to modernize American power grid

FLORIDA U.S. President Barack Obama made a pitch for renewable energy yesterday, announcing $3.4 billion US in government support for 100 projects aimed at modernizing the American power grid.

Touring a field of solar energy panels in Florida, the president urged greater use of several technologies to make the country's power transmission system more efficient and better suited to the digital age. The projects include installing "smart" electric meters in homes, automating utility substations, and installing thousands of digital transformers and grid sensors. He likened the effort to the ambitious development of the national highway system 50 years ago.

But even as Obama pitched more efficient and renewable energy use, his trip made it clear that old habits die hard. He arrived in a motorcade of gas-guzzling SUVs. While waiting for the motorcade to get started, vans kept their engines running to provide air conditioning for occupants escaping a hot Florida sun. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Barack Obama tours the DeSoto Next Generation Solar Energy Center yesterday in Florida.

Lower expectations

UN scales back hope for quick global climate change deal

Just weeks before an international conference on climate change, the United Nations signalled it was scaling back expectations of reaching agreement on a new treaty to slow global warming.

Janos Pasztor, director of the UN secretary-general's Climate Change Support Team, said yesterday "it's hard to say how far the conference will be able to go" because the U.S. Congress has not agreed on a climate bill, and industrialized nations have not agreed on targets to reduce their carbon dioxide emissions or funding to help developing countries limit their discharges.

Pasztor told a news conference "there is tremendous activity by governments in capitals and internationally to shape the outcome" of the climate change conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, in early December, which "is a good development" because political leadership is essential to make a deal.

But he indicated that Copenhagen most likely won't produce a treaty, but instead will push governments as far as they can go on the content of an agreement. Ban said he plans to meet with U.S. Senate leaders to encourage passage of a climate bill. By doing so, they "can have a huge political impact for other negotiators of other countries," Ban said. Many developing nations, such as China and India, "are ready to make some political compromises only if and only when the United States is ready to do that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Replacing Kyoto

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has made a new climate treaty his top priority, after hosting a Sept. 22 summit on climate change to build momentum for a global agreement to replace the Kyoto Protocol, which only requires 37 industrialized nations to cut emissions.

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Scientology convicted of fraud

FRANCE A Paris court convicted the Church of Scientology of fraud and fined it more than $900,000 yesterday, but stopped short of banning the group's activities. The court convicted the church's French office, its library and six of its leaders of organized fraud. Investigators said the group pressured members into paying large sums of money for questionable financial gain and used "commercial harassment" against recruits.

The original complaint in the case dates back more than a decade, when a woman said she took out loans and spent 21,000 euros on books, courses and "purification packages" after being recruited in 1998. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

BRITAIN A local council says the fossilized skull of a giant sea monster has been found off the southern coast of England. The fossil came from a pliosaur, a ferocious predator that lived in the oceans 150 million years ago. The skull was discovered in Dorset by a collector and measures 2.4 metres in length.

PALIN Sarah Palin reports she received $1.25 million US as a retainer for her upcoming book Going Rogue. The former Alaska governor says in her financial disclosure statement released yesterday that she received the money from publisher HarperCollins. Going Rogue catapulted to No. 1 on Amazon.com and Barnes&Noble.com after HarperCollins announced it had moved up the release date to Nov. 17.

CARIBBEAN A British Virgin Islands jury convicted a U.S. man of murder yesterday in the drowning of his wife during a scuba-diving excursion a decade ago. David Swain killed Shelley Tyre to pursue a romance with another woman and get his hands on his wife's money.

CHILDREN Australia's government will follow its historic apology to Aborigines for past injustices with a similar apology next month to people who suffered as children in state care during the last century. Prime Minister Kevin Rudd will lead the apology on Nov. 16 for neglect and abuse of children without families. Many were emotionally, physically and sexually abused in state care. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Clouds, wind halt NASA launch

NASA will try again today to launch its newest rocket for a test flight after bad weather and other factors thwarted attempts yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Navies search for boaters feared captured by pirates

International naval forces hunted yesterday for a British couple feared taken by Somali pirates while sailing from the Seychelles islands, and as night fell units were trailing three suspicious vessels.

Cmdr. John Harbour of the European Union Naval Force said one of its helicopters spotted a yacht towing two skiffs about 320 kilometres from the pirate stronghold of Haradhere. He said it was too dark to read the vessel's name but its location suggested it could be the Chandlers' yacht.

Paul and Rachel Chandler were heading to Tanzania in their yacht, the Lynn Rival, when a distress signal was sent early Friday, according to the U.K. Maritime and Coast Guard Agency.

A resident of Haradhere who said he was a member of a pirate gang said eight pirates were aboard the yacht. Pirate attacks have increased in recent weeks, following a several-months long monsoon season that had made waters too rough for piracy. Pirates have preyed on yachts before. In April, a French captain was killed during a rescue operation by French commandos. He had been held for six days along with his wife, child and two other adults. Pirates are currently holding seven ships with around 150 crew members.

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Serbia **Leader released, welcomed home**

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Former Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic, left, reacts with Bosnian Serb Prime Minister Milorad Dodik, right, after arriving in Belgrade yesterday. Plavsic was released from a Swedish prison after serving two-thirds of her 11-year sentence for war crimes.

News in brief

PAKISTAN Gunmen attacked a high-ranking Pakistani army officer as he drove through Islamabad yesterday in the second targeted shooting against top military brass in less than a week, authorities said. The officer escaped unhurt.

RHODE ISLAND Police say a motorist hit someone with his car and then drove a more than a mile with him stuck in his windshield. Christopher Swiridowsky has been charged with leaving the scene of an accident. Authorities say Swiridowsky stopped only because someone was following him. The victim's legs and an arm are broken.

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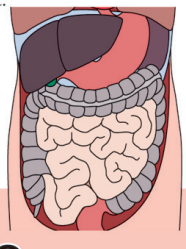

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Comment

Channelling the U.S.

Home and native news not to prime minister's liking

TheWestView

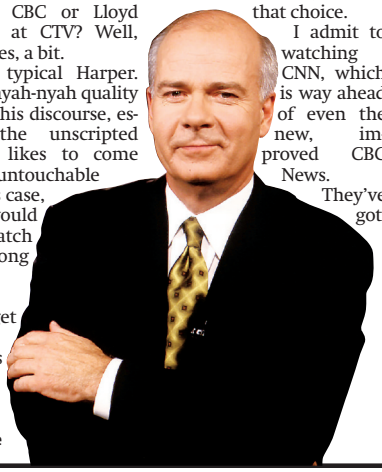
When Stephen Harper let slip recently that he doesn't watch Canadian TV news but it's his "hobby" to watch U.S. TV news, it set off a furor, mostly on Canadian TV news. Although it did make page 8 of the New York Times.

Enemy politicians jumped all over the opportunity for a sound bite like fleas on a dog. Jack Layton said Canadians "should be concerned." Bob Rae? He was "shocked," etc.

Michael Ignatieff wasn't available for comment. He was busy shooting his latest segment on This Hour Has 22 Minutes, that Canadian knock-off of an American news parody, only starring perky, colourful comedians from Newfoundland. When you're No. 2 and fading, you learn to love Canadian TV news, perky Newfoundlanders included.

Does it really matter if Stephen Harper prefers Glenn Beck and Bill O'Reilly on Fox to Peter Mansbridge at CBC or Lloyd Roberston at CTV? Well, yeah, it does, a bit.

This is typical Harper. There's a nyah-nyah quality to a lot of his discourse, especially the unscripted stuff. He likes to come across as untouchable and in this case, he would rather watch the wrong country's newscasts than get caught with his nose pressed to the glass here at home.



Peter Mansbridge

Frankly, he's not much different than a lot of other Canadians who find the U.S. more fascinating than the Great Lite North. If I could follow the fortunes of Barack Obama or Stephen Harper, which one would I choose?

Wait a minute, I have that choice.

I admit to watching CNN, which is way ahead of even the new, improved CBC News. They've got The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer! They've got holograms! They've got Anderson Cooper 360. They've got Louuuuu Dobbs!

But then, I also watch Canadian TV news. Not just a mere source of information, it is the daily chronicle of our nation, our home. More than that, Canadian TV news is the mirror we hold up to ourselves. It is how we recognize ourselves.

That's why it seems a bit cold for Stephen Harper to avert his gaze, whatever his reason, and turn his attention south. It would be nice if he showed some interest, now and then. If he pretended to care instead of pretending not to care.

But as my grandmother used to say, I should save my breath to cool my porridge. He's not going to read this piece anyway. Right, Steve?

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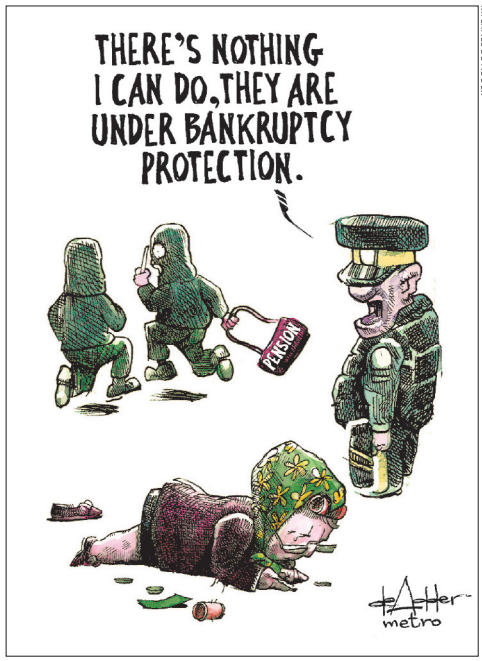

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Online chatter

Asked on Twitter: Will you be getting the #H1N1 flu vaccination? Why or why not?

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@JustAnOttawaDad: Got to 100 Constellation for Swine flu vaccine at 3:00, already #50 in line. Doesn't open until 5:00... #ottawa #swineflu

(Context: 100 Constellation is a community centre that is going to administer vaccinations)

TORONTO

@marygazze: Still debating whether to get the #sweneflu vaccine. Young women are hit hard by H1N1, but shot was approved so fast. U still confused too?

HALIFAX

@adamflight: yes I'll be getting both shots for H1N1 & regular flu, if they have it. I'm getting them, because I'm not stupid!

@worldmind: I'm going to wait to see the results and symptoms of taking such a risky vaccine. the story of Desiree Jennings for example. Otherwise No I trust my Immune system.

EDMONTON

@Cokebear17: I'm sitting on the fence of 50/50 regarding the H1N1 vac. Would like to see how people are feeling wks after the shot

@Winawer: I will be getting the vaccine for #H1N1, because nobody else should have to pay for my failure to make a rational choice.

@DebraWard: If I can, I'm hi risk.

Word on the street: What extra precautions are you taking to reduce the risk of contracting H1N1?

Abdi Elmi
age 44, Ottawa

A: I'm not worried about it. I don't know anyone who has it. They say it's a problem for young people.

Tim Manners
age 40, Perth, Australia

A: I may have already had it, but I'm washing my hands and carrying a little bottle of Purell. The biggest risk of transfer is from hand to hand.

Jody Ward
age 27, Ottawa

A: I'm trying to get a lot of rest and taking precautions as well as I can. But aside from that there's nothing I can do. I don't do anything to make it worse.

Diana Deehan
age 23, Toronto

A: Getting the shot, washing my hands, not touching my eyes or nose after being out in public if I haven't washed my hands yet ... They have all of those hand sanitizer stations everywhere now.

Alex Vaughan
age 22, Cole Harbour, N.S.

A: As of yet I have not taken any extra precautions for H1N1. I don't plan on getting vaccinated either. I never get a flu vaccine. I'm not overly worried about it.

Amy Pyke
age 18, Calgary

A: Nothing in particular, except washing my hands. You see it on the news but it doesn't really seem like a big deal at all ... My mom wants to get a vaccination for it but I don't think it's a big deal.

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Housing prices rise for third straight month in U.S.
U.S. home prices rise for the third straight month in August, signalling a housing recovery is taking hold. The Standard&Poor's/Case-Shiller home price index of 20 major cities released yesterday rose one per cent from July to a seasonally adjusted reading of 144.5. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Auto exec pay cuts kept secret

Canadian governments are refusing to follow the lead of the U.S. Treasury and disclose whether auto executives here at taxpayer-funded General Motors and Chrysler will take further pay cuts, and how large those cuts might be.

Spokespersons for the federal and Ontario governments said yesterday GM and Chrysler execs in Canada are not among the top 25 paid employees of the parent U.S.-based automakers and therefore don't fall under disclosure terms of multibillion-dollar aid packages.

Last week, Washington released some details of additional sweeping executive pay cuts for seven companies that received American government aid including Chrysler and GM.

Kevin Gaudet, federal director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, said the continuing lack of disclosure by companies that receive Canadian public aid is "disgusting."

"In the public service in Ontario, if you're making $100,000 or more, it's public information but if you're a rich car executive, funded by taxpayers, it's not," Gaudet said.

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China **One snappy dinner**

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Crocodiles are on sale at Wal-Mart's first Sam's Club after opening ceremonies yesterday in Guangzhou, China. The company first worked its way into China seven years ago.

Business in brief

CURRENCY CIBC is warning that Canada's industrial base could be hollowed out if the Bank of Canada doesn't do something about the dollar.

MEDIA Former employees of Canwest Global Communications are demonstrating outside a downtown Toronto courthouse where lawyers are discussing their frozen severance pay. THE CANADIAN PRESS

EI claims down in August: StatsCan

BENEFITS The number of people receiving regular Employment Insurance benefits in August fell 2.4 per cent, or 19,100, from July, the second straight monthly decline.

Statistics Canada reports the number fell in nearly all provinces, with the most notable percentage declines in Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. There were 763,200 beneficiaries in August, up 52.5 per cent from October 2008.

The number of initial and renewal claims in August increased 8.2 per cent, or 22,500, to 298,300, following two months of declines.

The number of regular beneficiaries fell in Ontario by 14,800, or 5.6 per cent, to 247,400.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DEPRESSION RESEARCH

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	YES	NO
I am feeling sad and depressed.	■	■
I am having difficulty sleeping.	■	■
I am feeling low in energy and slowed down.	■	■
My appetite has changed.	■	■
I am experiencing feelings of guilt.	■	■
I have lost interest in work and pleasurable activities.	■	■
I feel hopeless about the future.	■	■
I feel tense and anxious.	■	■
I am having difficulty making decisions.	■	■
I am having trouble concentrating.	■	■

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Ott suspended two games for hip check

The NHL suspended Dallas Stars forward Steve Ott for two games yesterday for a low hit on St. Louis Blues defenceman Carlo Colaiacovo. The incident occurred midway through the second period in the Stars' 4-1 victory last Saturday. No penalty was assessed on the play. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports

IOC addresses gender issues

The International Olympic Committee will convene a special conference of medical experts to draw up guidelines for dealing with "ambiguous" gender cases in the wake of the controversy surrounding South African runner Caster Semenya, left. The IOC did away with mandatory gender testing at the Olympics 10 years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Karlsson will benefit from demotion

TheHockeyNews
Ken Campbell
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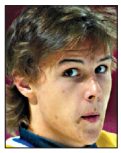
It will be extremely difficult for Erik Karlsson — not to mention his accountant — to accept, but someday he'll probably realize being sent to the minors in his rookie season was the best thing for his career.

In a move that surprised no one, the Senators shipped their first-round choice in the 2008 draft to the Binghamton Senators of the American Hockey League yesterday. But don't expect him to be a minor-leaguer for long. Sources close to the situation maintain that if the Senators decide not to use him this season — which is highly likely — he'll almost certainly be headed back to Sweden to play for Frolunda.

He'll certainly make a lot more money in Sweden than the $65,000 (Cdn.) he'll earn in Binghamton this season. Had Karlsson stayed in Ottawa, he would have earned $787,500 US as a rookie.


Erik Karlsson

But money isn't the only factor here. By playing in Binghamton and Frolunda, Karlsson will be in an environment where he can be more of a factor, perhaps even a dominant player. That will do wonders for his wavering confidence, not to mention the chance to shine at the World Junior Championship with Team Sweden.

A slower pace of games and more practice time in Sweden will also allow Karlsson to add the bulk that he so desperately needs to play at the NHL level. Whether it's the AHL or Sweden, Karlsson will be playing in one of the best two leagues outside the NHL against mature competition and that will do wonders for his development.

And as has been pointed out countless times before, no player has ever had his development compromised by being brought along at a slower pace. But the NHL's scrap heap is chock full of players whose careers were ruined by being rushed into situations for which they weren't prepared.

Chances are, Karlsson won't be called up again this season because if he plays one more game, it will count toward the first year of his entry-level contract. If he stays at nine games played, the contract will slide to next season and continue for the next three. As far as an accrued season for the purpose of unrestricted free agency is concerned, Karlsson would have to play 40 games in the NHL to have this season count toward free agency.

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Sports in brief

DODGERS Jamie McCourt filed for divorce from Dodgers owner Frank McCourt yesterday and asked a judge to reinstate her as the team's chief executive, signalling what could be a lengthy and nasty fight over the storied baseball franchise.

TENNIS Serena Williams overcame Svetlana Kuznetsova 7-6 (6), 7-5 in the group stage of the WTA Sony Ericsson Championships yesterday, improving her chance of ending the year as the No. 1 women's tennis player.

HOCKEY An Idaho junior hockey team was banished temporarily from a city ice rink after players engaged in a game of "strip hockey" — shedding a piece of uniform every time a practice shot missed its mark.

SWINE FLU The Colorado Avalanche confirm that backup goalie Peter Budaj has swine flu. Budaj didn't accompany the Avalanche on their four-game road trip that began last night in Edmonton. METRO NEWS SERVICES

NBA Celtics take opening night

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Boston's Paul Pierce, left, fouls Cleveland's LeBron James in the second quarter of the Celtics' 95-89 win over the Cavaliers last night in the NBA's season-opening game.

New-look Raps host Cavs in opener

NBA PREVIEW
Cleveland at Toronto

BASKETBALL Nine new players and less than a month together — but ready or not, the regular season is upon the Toronto Raptors.

The new-look Raptors host the Cleveland Cavaliers tonight at the Air Canada Centre, eager to put last season's dismal 33-win campaign behind them.

Head coach Jay Triano has had the tough task of trying to make a polished, unified team out of a group of players that barely knew each other when they gathered for training camp four weeks ago.

He admits he would have loved a little more time.

"Of course, like three years. With this group? Three years would be great," Triano said, joking.

"We kind of cleaned house and we've got very quality people here. We've got guys buying into what we're trying to teach and do, and now it's a matter of gaining the experience with each other and the team."

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Cubs sale finalized
The $845-million US sale of the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field to Joe Ricketts, the founder of TD Ameritrade, is complete. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yanks to win Series, A-Rod MVP: Poll

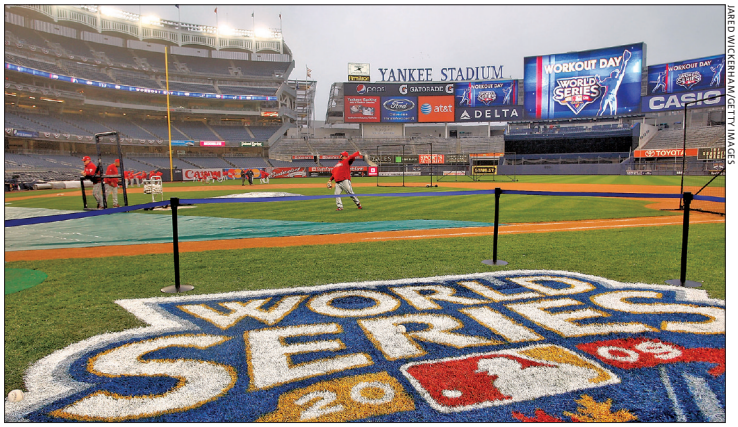
DH or no DH in the World Series? Just decide, darn it!

Baseball fans want a clear-cut answer on the designated hitter dilemma that pops up every October. Whether they'll stay awake to watch the games this week, nearly half say no.

Those were the findings of an Associated Press-Knowledge Networks poll released yesterday, with fans predicting the New York Yankees would win the championship and Alex Rodriguez would be voted MVP.

Cincinnati's Dan Driessen became the first World Series DH in 1976, and the issue has split baseball ever since. Fans seem equally fractured, except for this slight agreement: About three-quarters want an all-or-nothing solution.

The poll found 38 per cent want no DH in the Series and 34 per cent favour full-time use. Only 28 per cent liked the current way — a DH in AL stadiums but not in NL parks.



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Members of the Philadelphia Phillies warm up during World Series workouts yesterday at Yankee Stadium. By a ratio of nearly 2-to-1, fans have picked the Yankees to beat the Phillies for the crown.

No surprise, Philadelphia slugger Matt Stairs wants to keep it. He figures to get a few swings for the Phillies at Yankee Stadium once the Series opens tonight.

"You're talking to a guy who has served as DH most of his career. I wish baseball would go strictly DH," Stairs said Monday. "But I think it makes it interesting knowing that you come in the ballpark like this, you have an advantage of having a DH, then all of the sudden your next series the pitcher has to hit."

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Other findings

- Eight per cent of respondents said they would only buy a World Series ticket for less than $100 US.
- More than half said all games should be played at night.
- Given a list of six choices for their favourite World Series moment, the top pick was Boston ending the "Curse of the Bambino" and winning the championship in 2004.

Athletics Canada announces athlete of year nominees

ATHLETICS Track stars Priscilla Lopes-Schliep, Perdita Felicien and Gary Reed are the finalists for the 2009 Athletics Canada overall athlete of the year award.

Lopes-Schliep, of Whitby, Ont., won a silver medal in the 100-metre hurdles at this year's world championships. Felicien, of Pickering, Ont., made it to the final but clipped a hurdle and finished last.

Reed, of Victoria, won a silver medal at the 2009 world athletics final.

The Jack W. Davies Trophy will be handed out at a gala in Vancouver on Nov. 14, Athletics Canada said in a release Monday.

The trio is also up for the Phil A. Edwards Trophy for track athlete of the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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One Canuck left at Cold Water Classic

SURFING The competition is over for all but one Canadian at the O'Neill Cold Water Classic surfing contest.

Two more of the nearly two dozen Canadians were eliminated yesterday morning in the waters off Tofino, B.C., on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Local surfers Sepp Bruhwiler and Noah Cohen faced off against Adam Melling, the contest's top-seeded surfer from Australia, and Torrey Meister, of Hawaii, in the first heat of the second round at North Chesterman Beach.

When the action was over 25 minutes later, Melling was in front with a score of 13.67, Meister was second with a score of 12.17, and Bruhwiler and Cohen placed third and fourth with scores of 9.27 and 7. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Beeston no longer a Jays' interim

BASEBALL Over and over Paul Beeston was asked if he would consider removing the interim tag by his title as CEO of the Toronto Blue Jays, and each time the answer was no, regardless of who was posing the question.

Paul Beeston

Team owner Rogers Communications Inc., asked. Colleagues and friends asked. Media asked. Even baseball commissioner Bud Selig said he'd like to see him stay.

This past weekend Beeston finally relented, choosing to accept a three-year term as president and CEO of the Blue Jays and Rogers Centre it was announced yesterday.

His decision comes after a "very honest, straightforward and exhaustive search" for a successor to Paul Godfrey never got to the point where an offer was extended to any candidate, and Beeston had become so tied in he couldn't really walk away.

"I was prepared to turn this over," Beeston said in an interview. "It's only been in the last kind of month where I've said if I'm going to be here and I'm going to be in some role, which everyone seems to think I would have been in, I might as well do it the best I can."

With a president and CEO at long last in place, and Alex Anthopoulos entrenched as general manager after being promoted by Beeston last month following the firing of J.P. Ricciardi, the Blue Jays are finally in position to begin charting a long-term path forward.

The team had essentially been spinning its wheels in the mud since last fall, when Godfrey walked away and Beeston took over on an interim basis, unwilling to put too much in place lest he saddle his successor with commitments he didn't want.

That's not the case now, as the temporary nature of the front office is gone and a real plan can be executed.

Beeston acknowledged having the front office set will help the team go about its business.

"People know there is going to be some stability here, some continuity, there will be a philosophy that can be put forward with conviction, with an understanding that the person giving it is going to be around," said Beeston.

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Blast from the past

- Beeston was the first employee hired by the Blue Jays in May 1976 and saw the team through its glory years in the 1980s and '90s. He left to serve as chief operating officer in Major League Baseball's commissioner's office in 1997 and held that role until 2002.

Sports in brief

BOSTON Celtics forward Glen (Big Baby) Davis had surgery yesterday to repair his broken right thumb after fighting with a childhood friend while riding in an SUV less than two days before the season opener. Davis is expected to miss at least six weeks, though the Celtics said he also could be suspended for his behaviour.

LOS ANGELES Clippers' rookie Blake Griffin will be off the court for six weeks to rest his knee after injuring it in a preseason game last Friday. He isn't likely to resume basketball activities until mid-November.

SOCCER Barcelona forward Lionel Messi has won an award as the best player in last season's Spanish league. The Argentine international was also awarded a prize as the league's best forward in a ceremony in Madrid late Monday.

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New Aurora College campus proposed
A Yellowknife MLA is suggesting converting a French-immersion elementary school into a new Yellowknife campus for Aurora College. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Guide dog do's and don'ts

Some basic rules for interacting with a guide dog: It is important not to touch or talk to a guide dog when its harness is on. Do not feed a guide dog. Leash corrections are a common training tool and are crucial to maintaining discipline. If you operate a restaurant, store or other business, remember that it is against the law to deny a guide dog access to your premises. See facing page for a feature on the state of guide dog schools in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Workology in **brief**

NEW RESIDENCE AT NORTHERN LAKES COLLEGE
Last Wednesday, Alberta-based Northern Lakes College celebrated the opening of a new residence in Slave Lake, part of a push to educate more local people for employment in the oilsands. The $4.9 million, 52-bed townhouse-style residence will be particularly useful for apprenticeship students, who have difficulty finding short-term accommodation during 8- to 12-week courses. METRO NEWS SERVICES

IT's star brightening amid cool economy

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

The dip in jobs for information technology workers appears to be over as employers say they plan to hire more part- and full-time workers in the next business quarter, a new study shows.

A recent poll of more than 300 top-level executives across Canada by The Verde Group on behalf of IBM and Sapphire Technologies found that 87 per cent of employers are planning to either maintain of keep their IT staffing levels over the next quarter, with a further 43 per cent of those planning to hire new full-time IT staff over the next 12 months.

Project managers and business analysts topped the list of IT jobs employers looked to hire for the most, suggesting many businesses are planning to go into expansion mode or at least prepare for an end to the current recession.

"In a tough economy companies put projects on hold, now those projects are coming back. It's a clear indicator of a positive outlook," said Terry Power, president of Randstad Canada, parent company to Sapphire Technologies.

Power says jobs in IT remain strong in comparison to the rest of the economy despite the downturn. Unemployment in the IT field for the past few years averaged about 2.5 per cent compared to the national average of roughly five per cent — this past year, while the overall unemployment rate hit about 10 per cent the rate of IT unemployment increased only to about four per cent.

Robert Wylie, a director at IBM providing operational-takeover services to businesses, says the company has seen growth in the numbers and scope of IT staff its clients are asking for.

"We're seeing an uptilt in our clients' requirements for IT staffing. For the last year and a half what you saw was people trying to cut the costs of IT, now they're using IT staff to take costs out of their business. We're seeing companies make more of those strategic investments in IT staff," Wylie said.

Jobs in IT have been among the fastest growing sectors of the economy for years and Powers believes that strong undercurrent of demand is responsible for the current upswing in hiring expectations, since the cooling economy only put IT hiring needs on hold rather than eliminating them.

"If you look back to '06 and '07, there was a lot of discussion about the challenge of finding qualified IT professionals. It was always a mid- to long-term concern. Now I think it's fresh in people's minds again," Power said.

Hiring in the world of information technology is back on the upswing according to a survey.

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Randstad Canada President Terry Power

Working harness key for guide dog's state of mind
Guide dogs differentiate between work and play through the presence of their working harness. When the harness is on, they must either be guiding their handlers or lying quietly as the owners attend to other tasks. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Schools for guide dogs struggling

Canadian schools that train guide dogs for the blind are feeling the effects of the global recession — a downturn experts fear could end up scuttling precious growth in a charitable industry that has only recently gained traction north of the border.

Canada's guide-dog schools are unlike their more established, better-known cousins in the U.S., where a higher profile and more solid financial footing allows them to raise more money and match more dog teams in one year than all four of the internationally accredited Canadian schools combined.

Like most of their North American counterparts, Canadian schools fund their costly programs exclusively through charitable donations, which have declined in recent months — especially in the corporate category as businesses re-evaluate their spending priorities.

While donations from loyal individuals remain strong, top officials at Canadian guide dog schools fear the lag could slow their momentum, which had been growing prior to the economic downturn.

"There are schools that are struggling now, the smaller schools particularly," said Sandy Turney, director of Guide Dogs Canada in Oakville, Ont.

"We have different sources of funds, but it's a tough go for people … I think in Canada we really were on a good growth path. It's just whether we can keep it up across the country."

Canada has four organizations, including Guide Dogs Canada, that have since won accreditation from the International Guide Dog Federation and have similar credentials to schools that have been established for decades.

Newer schools faced the dual challenge of building a client base and attracting donations for their services, which are expensive.

The philosophy is to ensure cost doesn't prevent blind people from getting a guide dog, which is why the schools provide their services free of charge or for a nominal fee — the cost of a guide dog starts at $20,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Slow to adapt

- Canada was a latecomer to the international guide dog movement, which started in the 1920s. Canada's first school dedicated to the training of dogs for the blind did not open its doors until 1981.

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Michelle McQuigge walks with her two-year-old Labrador Retriever guide dog named Reva. See metronews.ca/work for more coverage.

In a 9-to-5 world, is there support for a '9-to-5 bra'?

Dragons' Den

Is it wrong to look sexy at work? This is a HOT topic of discussion on tonight's episode of Dragons' Den!

The subject comes up thanks to a pitch by Andrea Clair, who has invented a piece of lingerie she calls the "9-to-5 Bra." It's designed to cover a woman's breasts so that no cleavage is visible, no matter how well-endowed that woman may be. Andrea wants the five Canadian multi-millionaires known as the Dragons to invest in her company — and tells them there are lots of buyers for her bra: Women who want to look truly professional.

She's likely right that if your clothing is too provocative (or even flashy), it makes it more difficult for colleagues to focus on how well you're doing your job. And that could hinder your chances for advancement. We all want to look good, but maybe not that good.

What is suitable attire for the workplace these days? It naturally differs from industry to industry, and it depends whether you are interacting with customers. For example, people in manufacturing can dress down in a way that those in banking cannot. Those in artistic professions can get away with more outrageous looks.

Of course, a few decades ago, people dressed much more formally — all the time. But ever since the 60s, there's been a steady 'casualization' of both men and women's attire.

"The bigger issue to my mind, is that how you dress shows how you view yourself."

The bigger issue to my mind, is that how you dress shows how you view yourself. If you've decided you're a sex-bomb, that's great if you're aiming for a job at Hooters or Chippendale's, but it may not lead to promotion in other workplaces.

You'll see a variety of outfits on tonight's episode. Does the 9-to-5 bra attract an investment? Do the Dragons agree this is a critical issue?

You'll have to watch to find out.

Dianne Buckner is the host of Dragons' Den. Tonight's episode airs at 8 p.m. on CBC. Follow Dianne on Twitter @DianneBuckner.

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What's the colour?

General Motors is asking the general public to come up with a name for the colour of its pre-production Chevrolet Volt. You can enter — and eventually vote — at chevroletvolt-age.com. The three top vote-getters win a trip to the L.A. Auto Show. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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LaCrosse holds allure

Buick aims to get young buyers behind the wheel

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

2010 Buick LaCrosse

Type: Four-door sedan
Price: from $32, 745
Engine: 3.0L V6/3.6L V6
HP: 255/280

Highlights

- Excellent handling
- Good blend of the traditional and the modern

Buick owners are among the oldest in the market, but GM plans to change that. The 2010 LaCrosse has what it takes, if younger shoppers get behind the wheel to see for themselves.

It's the all-new version of the Allure, which was always called LaCrosse in the U.S. (the Canadian name was changed because it's a naughty slang term in French). It's expensive to sell a car under two names, and GM should have called it LaCrosse all along. At least it's finally smartened up.

It's also smartened up about putting out the right stuff. Allure — which was made in Oshawa, but production has moved to Kansas — was an OK car. LaCrosse is a really good one.

A 3.0-litre V6 powers the base CX, which starts at $32,745, and the mid-range CXL, at $34,745. The CXL is also the only one that adds all-wheel-drive, at $38,245. The top-line CXS uses a 3.6-litre V6 and starts at $40,745.

At 255 horsepower, the 3.0 isn't as strong as the 280-horsepower 3.6, and you can feel a few shift points where the transmission is tuned more for fuel economy than for performance.

If your wallet can take it, though, the top-line CXS offers the greatest driving pleasure. You can load it as high as $50,340 when you throw in every available option, including navigation, rear-seat DVD with headrest-mounted screens, sunroof and rear seat side airbags. They're fine, but it's the $895 Touring Package that you really want. It adds 19-inch wheels, H-arm rear suspension (also used on the AWD model) for better stability, and an automatic suspension that adapts for road conditions.

A tester so equipped hugged the curves on a winding road, taking corners smoothly and soaking up bumps without feeling floaty.

LaCrosse is also built in Korea and China for those markets. Buick is a luxury brand in China and owners are often chauffeur-driven, so the back seat is exceptionally roomy and comfortable.

The interior blends traditional and modern; available technology features include side blind zone alert, adaptive headlights that turn with the wheels, and a head-up display that projects the vehicle speed onto the windshield.

There is some room for improvement. More soft-touch plastics would be nice, and the A-pillars are very wide and create a blind spot. My biggest complaint is with the shift lever, which pulls back too far, making it tough to use the manual shift mode.

The 2010 Buicl Lacrosse is the all-new version of the Allure, which was always called LaCrosse in the U.S.; inside, the LaCrosse is well equipped and exceptionally comfortable.

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7. Kyle Turk	NS, CA	118	65	72	137
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MODEL Acura has added a manual transmission model to the TL lineup for the 2010 model year.

Along with the luxurious TL and sporty TL SH-AWD, the 2010 TL lineup is the most diverse in the vehicle's historys.

The new TL SH-AWD Technology Package with a close-ratio six-speed manual transmission went on sale earlier this month.

"The new six-speed manual transmission, available on the TL SH-AWD Technology Package, allows the enthusiast driver to take full advantage of the performance of Acura's Super-Handling All-Wheel-Drive system," said Jerry Chenkin, executive vice president of Honda Canada Inc.

"Not only is the new six-speed manual transmission model the best performing Acura TL ever, it is among the top handling performers in its class."

For 2010, two distinct versions of Acura's performance luxury sedan will be offered: a luxurious 280-horsepower, front-wheel drive TL, and a powerful 305-horsepower TL paired with Acura's exclusive SH-AWD. FROM CARGUIDE

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Home reno tip
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Reno Rebate

Planning key

Typically, kitchen renos are one of the most expensive improvement projects, and you can quickly run up a huge bill. Careful planning and shopping will help minimize costs. HGTV.CA

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Going green at home

You may have already started to make your home more sustainable in small ways, such as replacing your incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents.

But if you are planning a renovation, big or small, here are some great planet-friendly ideas from the My Planet program, courtesy of the Air Miles Reward Program.

Install a programmable thermostat

This allows you to better control the temperature in your house. For example, instead of having the furnace run all day long when no one's home, you can set the thermostat at a lower temperature between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. — saving energy and thus greenhouse gas emissions.

Use green products

Eco-friendly construction not only helps create a better outdoor environment, it can also contribute to a healthier indoor environment for you and your family by using products that contain fewer harmful chemicals.

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In a recent Ipsos Reid survey, 76 per cent of respondents plan to pay for their home improvements with cash or savings.

Canadians likely to pay cash for renos: Poll

An Ipsos Reid survey suggests Canadians are less likely to use credit cards to pay for home renovations this year than they were in 2008, with more than three-quarters of respondents expecting to pay cash rather than increase their debt.

The survey, conducted for RBC Royal Bank, finds 76 per cent of respondents plan to pay for their home improvements with cash or savings. That's up from just 70 per cent who said they'd pay in cash last year.

Conversely, fewer people say they'd use a credit card to finance their renovation. The number dropped to 24 per cent this year from 32 per cent in 2008.

Canadian consumers have been amassing debt for years, and levels are now much higher than in the past, forcing some to change their spending and savings habits to reduce their financial risks in a weak economy.

About the HRTC

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- The HRTC eligible expenditures are more than $1,000.
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The survey contacted about 3,000 Canadian homeowners in September. About two-thirds of them say they plan to renovate within two years.

The average amount renovators expect to pay this year is $11,272.

Almost half of the respondents (47 per cent) say they have done more renovations because of a federal tax credit announced in January.

The tax credit was one of several measures announced in the past year by Finance Minister Jim Flaherty in response to the recession that began a year ago as a result of a global shortage of credit.

The credit crunch was sparked by the failure or near-failure of several major U.S. financial companies and spread throughout much of the world's banking system, requiring several countries to bail out banks, insurance companies and lenders.

Canada's banks turned out to be among the most stable in the world, and none of them required a direct government bailout, but the impact was felt in rising unemployment as companies cut back or failed during the downturn.

"It's not surprising that Canadian renovators are getting smarter with their renovation financing and avoiding debt in light of the current economy," Marcia Moffat, RBC's head of home equity financing, said in a statement.

"Whether they plan to fix up and sell or renovate and stay, most are taking advantage of tax credits and incentives.

"They're also planning to use cash or lower interest credit to finance those renovations."

The online survey was conducted between Sept. 8 and 16, 2009. It's based on a randomly selected representative sample of 3,120 adult Canadian homeowners of whom 2,050 plan to renovate within the next two years.

The results are considered accurate to within 1.8 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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Ahoy, matey
The Cayman Islands are hosting their 32nd annual Pirates Week Festival, Nov. 12-22, a festival that includes a mock pirate invasion of Grand Cayman's George Town Harbor. See piratesweekfestival.com or caymanislands.ky. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Travel

Minivans are tastier: Yosemite bears

The black bears who call California's Yosemite National Park home have developed a taste for minivans, according to a study in the Journal of Mammology. Minivans represented 29 per cent of the 908 vehicles torn into by bears between 2001 and 2007, even though they made up just seven per cent of the cars visiting the park. The research notes that minivans are often driven by families with children who leave behind a trail of spilled juice boxes, Cheerios and snack-filled coolers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Surrounded by colonial charm

Oaxaca's boutique hotels capture the city's historical ambience

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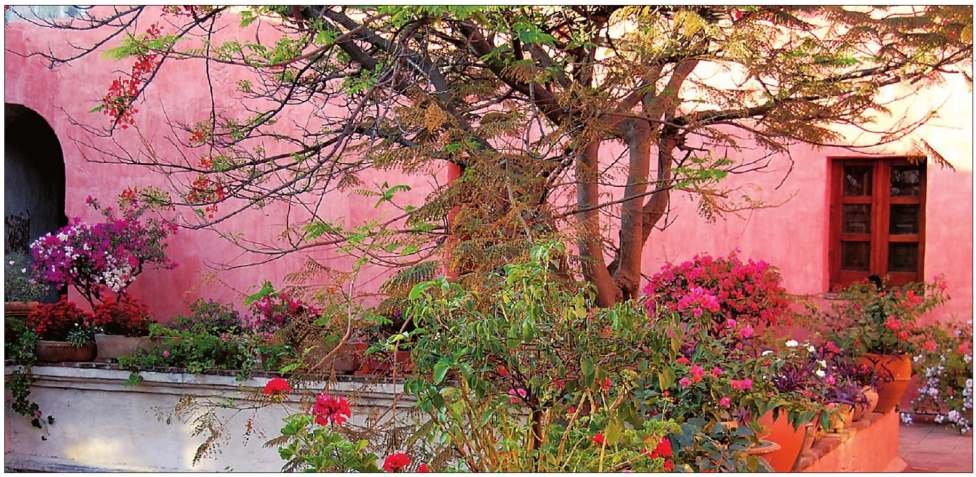

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A vibrant courtyard of the Camino Real hotel in Oaxaca City, Mexico.

Lauded as one of the best preserved and most captivating of Mexico's storied colonial towns, Oaxaca City melds the spiritual tapestry of yesterday with the artistic life of today into an atmosphere that's pure magic.

Its flamboyant blend of native Indian and provincial architecture is rooted in centuries' worth of local history. The Mixtecs and Zapotecs once constructed great centres in this same region — archaeological zones that are today considered among Mexico's most fascinating.

Later on, Conquistador Hernán Cortés chose the Valley of Oaxaca when offered a reward from the bounty of land he seized for Emperor Charles V,

But the historical charm doesn't end with the city's churches and museums: A collection of charming haciendas and mansions has been converted into intimate boutique hotels that preserve the past.

Camino Real Oaxaca

Among Oaxaca's most revered monuments is the former 16th century convent of Santa Catalina, a colonial structure that sparkles today as the AAA four-diamond Camino Real Oaxaca.

Meticulously restored to retain its grace, the hotel features romantic Spanish Baroque architecture and authentic colonial touches. There are sprawling tiled corridors with fading original frescoes, sun-splashed courtyards, jasmine-scented patios and vibrant gardens.

All 91 guest rooms are decorated with traditional high-beamed ceilings, stucco walls, hand-loomed bedspreads and wooden furnishings. Wooden beams support exposed terracotta ceiling tiles, and original floor tiles have been retained where possible.

All rooms accommodate with air conditioning, fan, cable television, alarm clock, telephone with data port for Internet connection, fluffy pillows and oversized cushions. Guests opting for the Camino Real Club revel in larger rooms fitted with extras like a welcome fruit basket and lavish buffet breakfast.

For a refreshing on-property escape, guests gravitate to the relaxing Las Bugambilias and lively Las Novicias bars nestled amid the building's classical facades. And for dining, El Refectorio presents Oaxacan and classic continental specialties in four distinctive areas.

Rates: Double occupancy rates are from $268 to 428 US nightly.
Online: caminoreal.com

Casa Oaxaca

Through a delicate remodeling of the 18th century colonial home, this five-star beauty emerged with a designer label earning it accolades for its minimalist style.

With a bright white Mediterranean design, Casa Oaxaca is known as the city's "art hotel" for the paintings and craftworks adorning each of its eight guest rooms — including six luxe quarters clustered around the main patio. Generous in size and uncommon in tone, each offers air conditioning, telephone and cable television. Guests can sip beverages on the roof terrace, lounge on quiet patios or bask in a heavenly temazcal steam bath.

Perhaps most prolific is Casa Oaxaca el Restaurante, a high-end eatery that's arguably one of the city's finest.

With fresh Oaxacan produce and Pacific catches, Chef Alejandro Ruiz prepares such creative gourmet specialties as squash blossoms stuffed with fresh cheese and honey, or pork with mancha manteles mole.

Hard-core foodies will relish the Chef's Route of Flavors, an Oaxacan market immersion bombarding the senses with multi-coloured vegetables, seductive chocolates and mouthwatering moles.

Rates: A welcome cocktail, Internet access, bathrobes, daily continental breakfast and indoor parking are included in nightly rates from $164 – 335 US.
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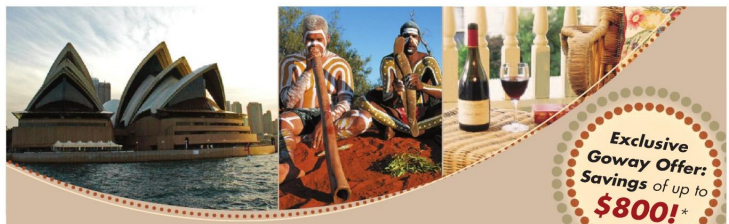

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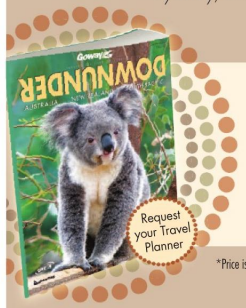

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El Museo del Barrio

Galleries at New York City's El Museo del Barrio have reopened after an 18-month renovation. El Museo del Barrio is the Museum Mile's only institution devoted to Latino art. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Accommodating history in Mexico's Oaxaca City

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Casually refined and spacious, all 50 rooms have been individually fashioned as a tribute to Oaxaca's rich cultural heritage. Described as "comfortable colonial," the thoughtful design gathers all the amenities guests desire while maintaining a traditional feel. Detailed craftsmanship prevails throughout, with stained-wood furnishings, hammered tin or wrought iron headboards and marble counter vanities. Most rooms are equipped with cable TV, telephone with data port, ceiling fan, coffee/tea maker, and private bath that pampers with oversized fluffy towels and toiletries.

Even public spaces retain the privacy and lustre of a bygone era. The gentle atmosphere invites you to shroud yourself in bliss on a fountained patio shaded by canvas parasols and surrounded by an aesthetic pier-and-arch arcade. Or unwind on the roof top sun deck with cocktails at Los Chapulines before savoring sumptuous fare at Asuncion Restaurante.

Rates: Daily breakfast and wireless Internet access are included in nightly rates from $70 to 180 US single or $120 to 210 US double.

Online: hostaldelanoria.com

Casa Cid de León

For those who appreciate a retreat feeling familiar the instant you arrive, Casa Cid de León extends a welcome mat like no other. Owners Agustin and Lety dwelled here a decade before sharing its enchantment with others.

This is a deceptive gem that both surprises and satisfies. The building's small dimensions with pure lines defining its colonial facade seem to expand as you cross the wrought-iron threshold. And its quaintness echoes an era when hospitality was a way of life rather than an art form. Four eclectic suites subtly blend green stone walls, terracotta floors and wood-beam ceilings with hand-embroidered linens, fresh flowers, overstuffed chairs, bronze chandeliers and rococo stucco angels. Amenities include air conditioning, satellite TV and whirlpool tubs.

A favorite is Bella Epoca, where everything comes in threes — a trio of rooms with three sets of French doors leading to three balconies. The bath is a dream with soft light fragmented by crystal lamps and brocade curtains framing the tub. Like most restored manses, the three-level hotel is elevator free. So you'll have to climb a few stairs to reach the rooftop terrace for breakfast at El Jardin del Carmelo.

Rates: From $200 to 230 US per night, rates include fresh flowers, juice and coffee in room, wireless Internet access and round-trip airport transfers.

Online: casaciddeleon.com

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The church of Santo Domingo in Oaxaca.

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Liz praises MJ movie as best she's ever seen

Elizabeth Taylor has high praise for the new movie about her late friend Michael Jackson. The 77-year-old actress said Michael Jackson's This Is It is "the single most brilliant piece of filmmaking" she has ever seen. USMAGAZINE.COM

Entertainment

She's back!

Amy Winehouse had quite a coming out party at the British Q Awards — showing the world her newly augmented breasts when they slipped out of her corset when she left the event. POPEATER.COM

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Director given HIStoric task

IAN GORMELY
For Metro Canada

The creative legacy of Michael Jackson may lie in the hands of Kenny Ortega, but looking at him you'd never know it. Sitting in a Toronto hotel room, the director and choreographer appears warm and relaxed despite the insanely high expectations that surround the release of This Is It.

Following the King of Pop's sudden death in June, Ortega, tapped to choreograph Jackson's London comeback shows, was handed the unenviable task of assembling a feature length film out of the rough footage shot during the rehearsals.

"I didn't want to do it. I didn't have a chance to sort of catch my breath or gain any distance or objectivity over what had happened," he says.

"It wasn't my idea and in fact I said no."

Despite his reservations, Ortega was a natural choice to helm the project. He previously choreographed Jackson's Dangerous and HIStory tours in the '90s and also had a strong film background, choreographing films like Dirty Dancing and directing the incredibly successful High School Musical trilogy.

GETTY IMAGES

Director/choreographer Kenny Ortega, right, is pictured with Michael Jackson. Ortega was given the unenviable task of putting together the film This Is It.

He did agree to take a look at the footage and weigh in as to whether he felt there was enough usable material for a film.

"I realized it was my responsibility," he says.

"How could I turn it over to somebody else? It was our creation. We were doing this together."

Ortega and a team of four editors began assembling the footage in July, handing in the finished product at the beginning of this month.

"We didn't add anything to it," he says. "It's the honest footage that existed from the moment that Michael made the announcement in London to the day that Michael died."

From the 12-minutes of footage critics were allowed to see prior to the film's premiere, it's clear the shows were a collaborative process between Jackson and his choreographer; Ortega can be seen standing on stage directing Jackson and backup dancers or heard off-screen discussing tweaks with the star standing on stage.

The film will either confirm Jackson as the creative genius many claimed he was or expose him as the washed up nut-job that the tabloid media has framed him as for the past decade and a half.

"(This is) the story that the fans needed to see," says Ortega.

"The fans will really get a sense of the material Michael was planning for the show."

Screentimes

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• This is it opens in theatres today. Read tomorrow's edition of Metro for a review of the film.

Obsession examined in Starsuckers

CELEBRITY What do Amy Winehouse's flaming beehive and Guy Ritchie's self-inflicted black eye have in common? Both stories appeared in the pages of Britain's tabloid press. Neither is true.

The two incidents were fake showbiz news tips phoned into newspapers by the makers of the new documentary Starsuckers, to see whether they would be used without fact-checking. The fact that they were forms part of the movie's argument that the culture of celebrity has undermined journalistic standards and warped society's values.

"I didn't realize quite how much of our news is public relations, or lies, or on the basis of criminal acts," said the film's 33-year-old director, Chris Atkins.

Starsuckers, which premieres today at the London Film Festival, takes aim at Britain's fiercely competitive tabloid press, but its real target is much broader. Atkins believes that society's obsession with fame — gaining it and being near it — has distorted everything from the way news is reported to our children's aspirations. A goal of the film is to show how big companies in entertainment, media and PR use that desire to create a world full of insatiable consumers.

KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/AP

Chris Atkins, director of the documentary Starsuckers is seen during an interview in his office in London.

"I didn't realize quite how much of our news is public relations, or lies, or on the basis of criminal acts."
Chris Atkins, director of Starsuckers

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What's that smell?

Heidi Montag will be launching her own perfume. The star of The Hills — whose 2008 clothing line, Heidiwood, was deemed a flop — is working with the Home Shopping Network to create a "feminine fragrance." FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Hatch says he's the victim

JAIL TALES Survivor winner Richard Hatch says he's the victim of a "witch hunt" by federal prosecutors.

Hatch completed a tax evasion sentence earlier this month. He complained to NBC's Today show yesterday that he was taken from his sister's apartment while wearing boxer shorts in August, and that he was held in solitary confinement for 30 days after granting TV interviews without permission.

Hatch

He had been finishing his prison term under home confinement.

But Sheriff James Cummings of Barnstable County, Mass., says Hatch refused to get dressed when deputies arrived. He also disputes that Hatch was held in solitary confinement.

Cummings called Hatch "a stranger to the truth."

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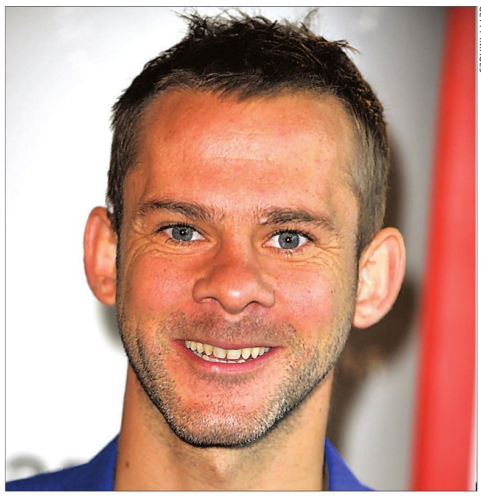
Actor shows Flash of genius

'Lost' star takes on mysterious role in new hit ABC series

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

As ABC's new hit series FlashForward has unfolded its mystery, drawing in viewers since its September premiere, the folks behind the show have kept one of their highest-profile cast members a not-so-secret secret.

But this week that all changes, as Dominic Monaghan, previously of the Lord of the Rings films and ABC's other puzzling hit, Lost, finally comes out of the shadows. Metro spoke with Monaghan about taking on another series.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Dominic Monaghan, who had roles in Lord of the Rings and Lost, portrays Simon, a scientific wunderkind, in ABC's FlashForward.

Q What can you say about your character, Simon?

A He graduated from university when he was 14, got a PhD when he was 15. He's one of the smartest science-based brains in the Western world. Because of that, Simon is completely ostracized from society. He does not know how to interact with human beings. He has no tact. If you looked up "narcissistic" in the dictionary, there would probably be a picture of Simon.

Q And Simon knows something about the mysterious flash-forwards?

A He has information about the flash-forwards, which he's willing to help the FBI out with, but he's not going to do it unless he gets what he wants. So there's some kind of a golden handshake thing going on.

Q Is it true the producers wanted you for another role?

A They were originally kind of interested in me playing one of the American parts. And I called my agent back and just said, you know what? At this point in my life, I don't feel hugely American. I don't feel entrenched in that idea of Lucky Strikes and hot dogs and Yankees. I don't drive a Buick. At some point in my life I would like to play an American, but I'm not sure if this is the time.

Q So they worked with you on developing your character?

A They initially said, What do you want to do? And I said I need to play a character that's different from the last character that I played that a lot of people knew, which was Charlie on Lost. I want to play someone that's proactive as opposed to reactive. I want to play someone that's a man as opposed to a boy becoming a man. Someone that's confident, someone that's self-assured.

Q Are there any other ways Charlie and Simon are different?

A I don't think Simon can sing. Although I'm not sure if Charlie could either, actually.

Q With the attention the show has been getting, does it remind you of being on Lost?

A It's a mystery-based show, so because of that there's a lot of questions. It's not like, okay, here's a hospital drama, and tell us about the characters. It's a very grand piece of work. It's ambitious. And I think Lost was ambitious as well.

Q What about Simon's own flash-forward?

A We're not there yet. That happens in Episode 6 or 7, I think. But yeah, it's definitely interesting.

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Tour tragedy
Bruce Springsteen cancelled a performance in Kansas City, Mo., after his cousin — who worked as an assistant road manager — was found dead in his hotel room Monday evening. USMAGAZINE.COM

Flockhart's new challenge

Actor's role weightier in new season of Brothers & Sisters

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

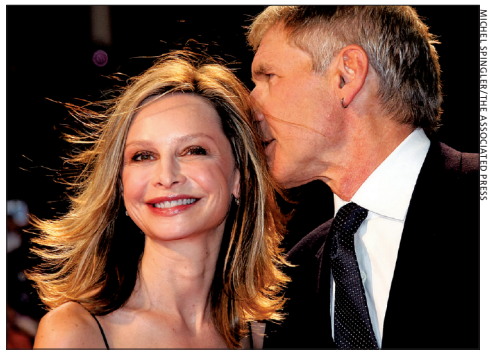
Aside from the odd film role, Calista Flockhart stepped out of the limelight after wrapping up Ally McBeal in 2002 to focus on raising her son, Liam.

Then, three years ago, Liam started elementary school and Flockhart went back to work, joining the cast of another network drama, Brothers and Sisters.

She's been happily part of the ensemble, but now Flockhart finds herself front and centre once again as the new season of the ABC series focuses on her character Kitty's battle with cancer.

The hardest part of the job? "It's itchy," she says, motioning to the wig on her head. "Have you ever worn a wig for a long period of time? I'm going to need Tylenol by the end of the week."

Not that she takes lightly the duty of depicting such serious subject matter. "As an actress, it's interesting to explore going through that, but it is a bit intimidating and challenging," Flockhart admits.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Calista Flockhart, seen in September with partner Harrison Ford, returned from a career hiatus to play Kitty on ABC's Brothers and Sisters. This season focuses on her character's battle with cancer.

"I've had days where I cry a lot and it's absolutely challenging. I've done a lot of research and my life has sort of been all about cancer the last couple of months… It's a frightening place to be."

Despite that, Flockhart says she never lets work follow her home. "Work for me is work, and the minute I'm finished with my work, it's gone," she says.

"I go home and I'm just me and living my life." Of course, that must be pretty easy when you're going home to an adorable third-grader and Harrison Ford.

Depending on the fate of her character, Flockhart says she could get comfortable in the Walker clan. "Who knows what the future will bring," she says. "When this show is over … we'll see where my life goes. But I'm not planning on taking another break or doing anything like that."

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Calista Flockhart

And while she's enjoying the steady life of a TV actress once again, Flockhart's theatre roots are never far from her thoughts.

"There are a lot of reasons why I decided to take another television show as opposed to doing film or theatre," she says.

"When it's the right time for my family, I think I'll probably end up back in New York doing some plays."

Perfume spat raises stink

LAWSUIT A cosmetics marketing company claims in a New York lawsuit that supermodel Naomi Campbell didn't hand over its cut of the proceeds from a fragrance licensing agreement.

The lawsuit says the supermodel violated a 1998 contract by failing to pay Moodform Mission its share of proceeds from scents it helped develop, including Naomi Campbell, Cat Deluxe and Seductive Elixir.

Brand new chapter

PUBLISHING Dan Brown's former publisher, Stephen Rubin, who left Random House last month, said yesterday he will be the new president and publisher of Henry Holt and Co. Holt's authors include Man Booker Prize winner Hilary Mantel.

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Kenya's**Style**

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critics'corner

The Tudors
Henry (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) goes into seclusion after Jane's death, with only his court jester (David Bradley) for company. He emerges with a new set of rules for the church, which bear a striking resemblance to Catholicism. Pole (Mark Hildreth) seeks protection from Bryan (Alan Van Sprang) with Cardinal Von Waldburg (Max Von Sydow). Brandon (Henry Cavill), still reeling from the Pilgrimage of Grace massacre, blames Cromwell (James Frain). 9 PM on 8 CBC

Human Edge
Ben Rogers, a young British heroin addict, began filming his life in 2005. What he wound up filming was the end of his life, as he died two years later at the age of 34. The poignant documentary "Ben: Diary of a Heroin Addict" is made up of the footage he shot of his family life, his drug use and his efforts to get clean, along with commentary from family members and friends struggling to understand. 10 PM on 2 TVO

Call of the wild

After years of successful hip-shaking, Colombian superstar Shakira thinks it's time to put them to another use. "My body feels like it is asking to reproduce, to have a huge belly and carry babies," she tells Rolling Stone magazine. METRO WORLD NEWS

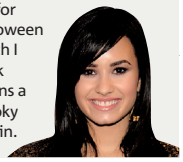
Celebrity Buzz

Celebrity tweets

Demi Lovato doesn't mind bragging about being flu-free and Jon Favreau is becoming fluent in toddler-speak.

• @ddlovato
I think I'm the only one staying healthy during this season! Well done multi-vitamins! ;)

• @Jon_Favreau
My three year old daughter wants to be a "scoopy goblin" for Halloween which I think means a spooky goblin.



Renee nervous for Bradley's parents

WEDDING BELLS Reports that fledgling couple Renee Zellweger and Bradley Cooper are on the outs may have been premature, sources tell Gatecrasher. In fact, Cooper is even planning on bringing his new squeeze home to Philadelphia meet the family for the holidays.

"Things have been heading in this direction for the two of them for a while," a source says, "but this definitely solidifies how serious they are. Renee says she's nervous, and she's really hoping it goes well. She's very excited."

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Levi ready for nude 'art'

NUDIST AT HEART Get ready for more — a lot more — of Levi Johnston, usmagazine.com reports

The hockey-playing dad to Sarah Palin's grandson, Johnston, 19, is ready for his Playgirl close-up. And while a date has yet to be set for his nude photo shoot, his manager Tank Jones told usmagazine.com, "it will be early November" in New York.

And Playgirl readers shouldn't expect many artfully placed pillows in the photos. Jones confirms to Us that full-frontal shots are planned for the shoot — and that Bristol Palin's ex isn't nervous about exposing himself.

"He's pumped! He's ready to shock the world. The hell with fifteen minutes," Jones told Us over the phone. "As a matter of fact, when I picked him up, he came out the house naked. I said, 'Not now!'"

Johnston himself took the phone for a moment to chime in, telling Us: "I just get naked. That's what I do."

Like the up-in-the-air date, the theme of the shoot itself is also to-be-determined, Jones explained. "We're going to play it by ear. I'm going to make sure it's something he's comfortable with and tasteful. This is art."

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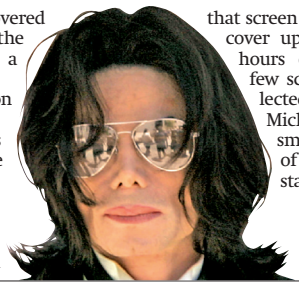
Fans protest Jacko documentary

THIS IS NOT IT? Diehard fans of Michael Jackson are up in arms about "This Is It," the documentary of his final rehearsals opening today. The fans behind the group, "This Is Not It," are protesting the film, claiming it isn't a fair depiction of Jackson's final days.

"The promoters for This Is It ignored the signs, ignored the pleas, and in fact, actively covered up the truth," a statement on the group's website reads. "What you will see on that screen is part of that cover up. Out of 110 hours of footage, a few scenes were selected in which Michael Jackson smiled, in spite of being in a dire state."



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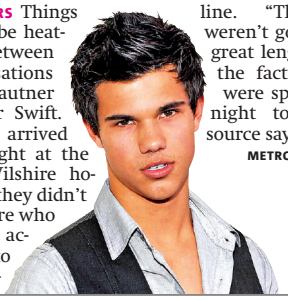
Teen stars get hot at hotel

TWO TAYLORS Things appear to be heating up between teen sensations Taylor Lautner and Taylor Swift. The pair arrived Sunday night at the Beverly Wilshire hotel — and they didn't seem to care who noticed, according to X17 Online. "These two weren't going to any great length to hide the fact that they were spending the night together," a source says.



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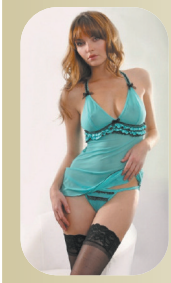

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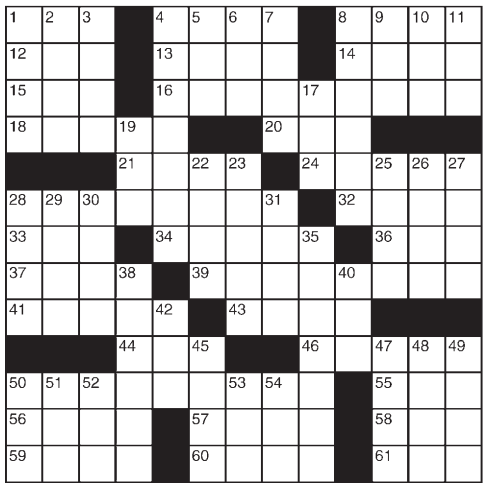

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Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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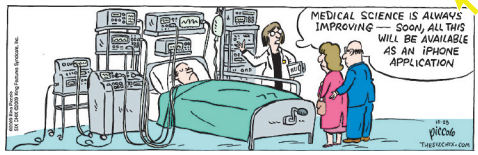

Metro Recipe of the Day

Swiss Meringue Shells

INGREDIENTS:
3 egg whites
1/2 tsp (2 ml) vanilla extract
1/4 tsp (1 ml) cream of tartar
3/4 cup (175 mL) sugar
Berries of your choice
Whipped cream or vanilla ice cream, optional

METHOD:
1. Place egg whites in small mixing bowl; let stand at room temperature 30 minutes. Add vanilla and cream of tartar to egg whites; beat on medium speed until soft peaks form.
2. Gradually beat in sugar, 1 tbsp (15 ml) at a time, on high until stiff glossy peaks form and sugar is dissolved.
3. Drop eight mounds onto parchment-lined baking sheet. Shape into 3-in. (7.5 cm) cups with back of spoon. Bake at 225°F (107°C) 1 to 1 1/2 hours or until set and dry. Turn oven off; leave meringues in oven 1 hour.
4. Cool on wire racks. Store in an airtight container. Fill shells with berries and whipped cream or ice cream if desired.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Mercury crosses the wealth axis of your chart today, so you'll be looking for money-making opportunities. Stick with what you know.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Someone who usually keeps their opinions a closely guarded secret will speak their mind today and will no doubt shock you.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
With Mercury joining the Sun in the work area of your chart today you will find it easier to organize your everyday routine.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Your prospects are getting better with each passing day and they will get better still over the next 24 hours.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
It may annoy you that someone is saying things about you that are clearly untrue but don't make an issue of it.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
As from today you will find it easier to express yourself, both in your personal life and on the work front. But some things are best kept to yourself.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Something you hear today may sound too good to be true but don't reject it for that reason alone.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Even if you are the sort of Scorpio who never gives much away, you will be more inclined than usual to open up about your feelings.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
This is never the easiest time of year for Sagittarians but there are plenty of reasons to believe that you can make positive changes in your life.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Attitude is everything and if you surround yourself with people whose outlook is positive today your own view of the world will be positive too.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Keep telling yourself that no matter how many obstacles fate puts in your path, it is your destiny to prevail over each and every one of them.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
If you have something to say, something you feel the world needs to know, say it now while the planets make it easy for you.

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1893: Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Pathétique, receives its premiere performance in St. Petersburg, only nine days before the composer's death.
1965: Nostra Aetate, the "Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions" of the Second Vatican Council, is promulgated by Pope Paul VI; it absolves the Jews of the alleged killing of Jesus, reversing Innocent III's 760 year-old declaration.

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